Assistance to Andhra Pradesh for floods and cyclone

163. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD:
SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1967, given in the Rajya Sabha on the 7th December, 2001 and state:

(a) whether Government have considered the report of the Central Team which visited Andhra Pradesh to assess the damage caused by floods and cyclone;

(b) if so, the Central assistance given to that State in view of the damage caused by floods and cyclone last year;

(c) the additional assistance demanded by the State; and

(d) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (d) Assistance from the National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) was considered by the High Level Committee (HLC), in its meeting held on 28.12.2001 and, taking into account the request of the State Government, the report of the Central Team and the recommendations of the Inter Ministerial Group (IMG) thereon, the HLC approved an assistance of Rs.20.44 crore from NCCF for Andhra Pradesh, which has been released to the State.

Integration of disaster mitigation and developmental planning in Gujarat

164. SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether, having taken stock of relief and rehabilitation measures for a year in the earthquake ravaged Gujarat, there is an urgent need to integrate disaster mitigation with development planning which should include the needs of the most vulnerable sections of the society;

(b) if so, whether Government are thinking of evolving such an integrated programme; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?